

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 70 through 83 are pending, with Claims 70 and 77 being independent. Claims 70 and 77 have been amended to attend to formal matters.

Claims 75 and 83 were objected to and indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 70 through 74 and 76 through 82 were provisionally rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of non-statutory double patenting over Claims 8, 9, and 13 of co-pending Application No. 09/894,233. All rejections and objections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the filing herewith of a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to that application.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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